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Andy Tait, PE, Director Tait Environmental Services, Inc. 1333 West Campbell Road, #148 Richardson, Texas 75080

RE: APPROVAL OF ONLINE UST OPERATOR RETRAINING COURSE FOR NORTH CAROLINA PRIMARY OPERATORS

Tait Environmental Services, Inc.

Dear Mr. Tait:

The Permits and Inspection Branch has reviewed Tait Environmental Services, Inc.'s online UST operator course. The course meets the minimum federal UST operator training requirements, and is approved for use in North Carolina as an acceptable method for primary operator **retraining** per NCGS 143-215.94QQ. Initial primary operator training will continue to take place at each UST facility at the time of inspection by North Carolina state inspectors.

Primary operator retraining is required if an inspection at the UST facility reveals that the UST system is not in substantial compliance, or if the primary operator did not achieve a passing score on the Operator Regulatory Knowledge Assessment.

Tait Environmental Services, Inc.'s online training course is based solely on the federal rules for UST systems, and does not cover additional state-specific UST statutes and rules. UST owners and operators are responsible for complying with all North Carolina UST statutes and rules.

Tait Environmental Services, Inc. will be responsible for submitting the name, test date, and test result of eligible primary operators in writing within 60 days of the test date to the Permits and Inspection Branch so that training certificates may be issued.

Sincerely,

Andria Merritt, Hydrogeologist Permits and Inspection Branch